

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend the paragraphs beginning on page 2, line 6 through line 22, as follows:

Summary

The above mentioned problems with streaming of voice data in a local area network (LAN) and other problems are addressed by the present invention and will be understood by reading and studying the following specification.

~~— In particular, an illustrative embodiment of the present invention includes a method for controlling the streaming of voice data in a local area network. The method comprises identifying at least one device to be used in a connection among a plurality of devices coupled to the local area network. The method further includes identifying at least one mode for each of the at least one device to be used in the connection and setting the at least one mode for the at least one device.~~

~~— In another embodiment, a local area network is provided. The local area network comprises a server/gateway coupled to an external network. The local area network also includes a plurality of devices that send and receive voice data, the plurality of devices are selectively and communicatively coupled together and to the server/gateway. The local area network also includes a signal streaming controller, associated with the server/gateway and the plurality of devices, that selects a mode of operation for selected ones of the server/gateway and the plurality of devices.~~